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— REMARKS —

In the Non-Final Office Action, Examiner Datskovskiy objected to and rejected pending claims 1-18 on various grounds. The Applicant responds to each objection and rejection as subsequently recited herein, and respectfully requests reconsideration and further examination of the present application under 37 CFR § 1.112:

- A. Examiner Datskovskiy rejected claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0028588 A1 to *McConnell et al.*

The Applicant has thoroughly considered Examiner Datskovskiy's remarks concerning the patentability of claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18 over *McConnell*. The Applicant has also thoroughly read *McConnell*. To warrant this §102(e) rejection of claims 1-3, 5-12 and 14-18, *McConnell* must show each and every limitation of independent claims 1 and 10 in as complete detail as in contained independent claims 1 and 10. *See*, MPEP §2131. The Applicant respectfully traverses this §102(e) rejection of independent claims 1 and 10, because, among other things, *McConnell* fails to show the following amended limitations of independent claims 1 and 10 in as complete detail as recited in independent claims 1 and 10:

1. "a power shedding circuit including a current sensing device operable to be in electrical communication with an external electrical outlet, the current sensing device including means for providing a signal indicative of a current drawn from the external electrical outlet, a first relay in electrical communication with the first internal power supply, the first relay including means for selectively connecting the first internal power supply to the first computer storage compartment, and a logic circuit in electrical communication with the current sensing device and the first relay, the logic circuit including means for operating

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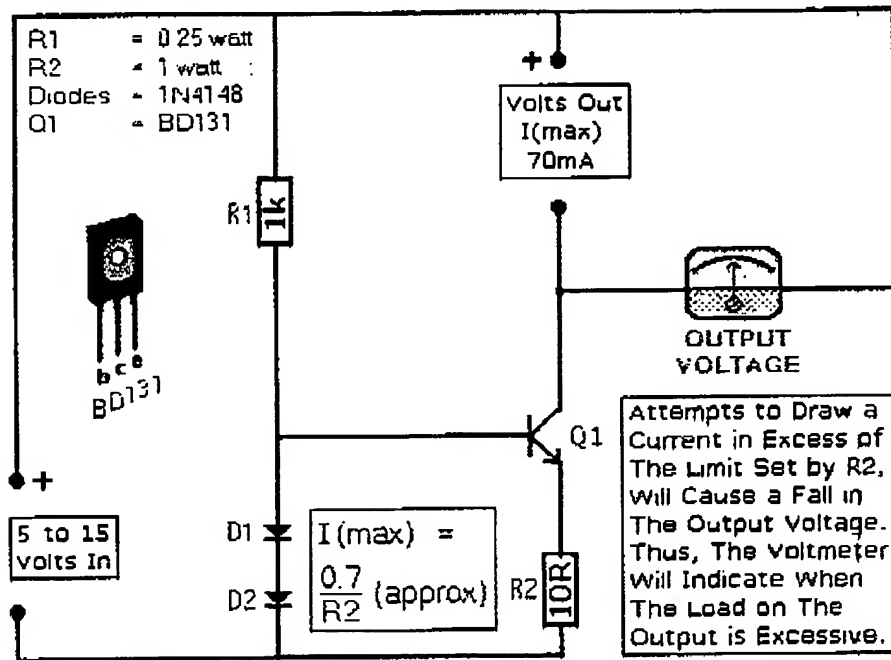
the first relay based on a comparison of the current being drawn from the external electrical outlet as indicated by the signal to a predefined limit” in as complete detail as recited in independent claim 1; and

2. “a power shedding circuit including a current sensing device operable to be in electrical communication with an external electrical outlet, the current sensing device including means for providing a signal indicative of a current drawn from the external electrical outlet, a first relay in electrical communication with the first internal power supply, the first relay including means for selectively connecting the first internal power supply to the first computer storage module, and a logic circuit in electrical communication with the current sensing device and the first relay, the logic circuit including means for operating the first relay based on a comparison of the current being drawn from the external electrical outlet as indicated by the signal to a predefined limit” in as complete detail as recited in independent claim 10.

As to the rejection, Examiner Datskovskiy asserts that it is inherent that a current limiter of *McConnell* inherently comprises some type of current sensing device, a set of relays and some kind of logic circuit. The Applicant respectfully asserts traverses this assertion because the following is a well known current limiter for a 5 to 15 volt power supply that does not include a current sensing device, a set of relays and some kind of logic circuit.

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Add-On Current Limiter



In operation, diodes D1 and D2 fix the voltage on the base of the power transistor Q1 at about 1v4. This means that the voltage across a resistor R2 is fixed at about 0v7. If resistor R2 is 10 ohms, then the maximum emitter current is $(0v7 \div 10)$ about 70mA. Since the collector current is always more or less equal to the emitter current, then a load can draw no more than 70mA from the output terminals. Withdrawal of the rejection of independent claims 1 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *McConnell* is therefore respectfully requested.

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Claims 2, 3 and 5-9 depend from independent claim 1. Therefore, dependent claims 2, 3 and 5-9 include all of the elements and limitations of independent claim 1. It is therefore respectfully submitted by the Applicant that dependent claims 2, 3 and 5-9 are allowable the *McConnell* for at least the same reason as set forth herein with respect to independent claim 1 being allowable *McConnell*. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 2, 3 and 5-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *McConnell* is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 11, 12 and 14-18 depend from independent claim 10. Therefore, dependent claims 11, 12 and 14-18 include all of the elements and limitations of independent claim 10. It is therefore respectfully submitted by the Applicant that dependent claims 11, 12 and 14-18 are allowable the *McConnell* for at least the same reason as set forth herein with respect to independent claim 10 being allowable *McConnell*. Withdrawal of the rejection of dependent claims 11, 12 and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *McConnell* is therefore respectfully requested.

- B. Examiner Datskovskiy objected to claims 4 and 13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim

The Applicant hereby acknowledges the allowable subject matter of dependent claims 4 and 13, and reserves the right to rewrite dependent claims 4 and 13 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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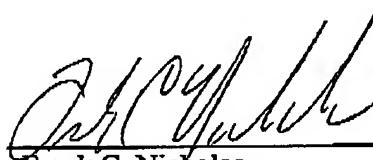
SUMMARY

The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-18 fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, Examiner Datskovskiy is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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